ploration by ONGC has led to substantial addition of reserves and production has more than doubled during the last five years.

(b) and (c) The main features of the current strategy of exploration are:

(i) Intensification of exploratory surveys and drilling in basins where commercial production has commenced.

(ii) Extending and suitably stepping up the tempo of exploration in basins with reasonable prospects.

(iii) Selecting relatively more suitable basins among the remaining sedimentary basins for acquisition of additional data so as to make them amenable to analysis for prospectivity.

Optional Utilisation of Natural Gas

1736. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that optimal utilisation of the available natural gas resources has not been made; if so, to what extent; and

(b) if so, whether full-utilisation of gas finds in Tripura and Krishna-Godavari basin has been made and if not, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) Results of exploratory efforts in Krishna Godavari basin at present do not permit a firm establishment of reserves of natural gas, which will enable ONGC to supply natural gas to industrial consumers on regular basis. ONGC are trying to locate suitable consumers for the available gas in coordination with the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

In Tripura, ONGC have committed supply of about 0.05 million cubic metres per day of gas for power generation at Baramura and supplies commenced in March, 1986; in addition, they have proposed to supply at the rate of 0.10 MMCMD from Rokhia for power generation from end of 1987.

Complaints lodged by Stockists in Delhi with MRTP Commission against various Companies

1737. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that complaints lodged by stockists in Delhi with MRTP Commission against various companies in 1985 are still pending decision;

(b) whether it is also a fact that stockists in Delhi are losing heavily as a result of the delay in deciding cases by M.R.T.P. Commission; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to safeguard the interest of stockists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) While some complaints lodged by stockists with the MRTP Commission in 1985 are still pending, Government has no information of any loss having been suffered by the stockists on this account.

SC/ST Employees in Public Sector Enterprises

1738. SHRI T. K. C. VADUTHALA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state the number of employees in each category, viz. groups A, B, C and D belonging to